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CPD LEGACY STORY: KAREN ROBINSON

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This CPD Legacy Story is from Karen Robinson. Karen volunteers at the Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center, part of the Center of Technical Assistance in Excellence in Special Education (TAESE) at the CPD.



By Karen Robinson as told to Connie Pehrson.

When I was looking for a part time job over twenty years ago, little did I know I would find the perfect job!

I have worked at the Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center at the CPD for the past 23 years. I started out working in the MPRRC Library with Julia Burnham (now retired), doing some filing. I now work a day or two each week for a couple of hours shredding papers, helping with the recycling, book binding, and whatever else they need done. I like working here because they allow me to be flexible with my schedule. I have recently decided to continue to work here as a volunteer so that I can stay in touch with all of the great people that have become my friends through the years.

Having cerebral palsy hasn't slowed me down much. The Cache Valley Transit buses help me to get to and from work because I am able to get my electric scooter on it easily.

The buses also help me get to the activities offered by the local Options for Independence Center in Logan. I have made some great Halloween costumes for their annual Halloween Party, and have had my picture in the Herald Journal showing them off a couple of times. Most of the time I win first place! I have also come in first place a few times in their 3K scooter/power chair races held each year.

I like my job, and I like to work. Coming to work each week gets me out of the house and gives me a feeling of satisfaction. I want to thank all of the great people at the MPRRC for letting me come and helping me to be productive and independent.



Here's a selection of photos showing Karen in her Halloween costumes.